Alabama & National APSE are partnering to offer the first national certification program for Employment Support professionals!



November 17, 2014 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Alabama Industrial Development Training (AIDT) Center 1 Technology Court Montgomery, AL 36116

Job coaches, job developers, transition employment specialists, job placement personnel, and employment specialists/consultants can earn the designation of **Certified Employment Support Professionals (CESP)** by passing the national CESP examination.

The fee to take the exam is \$159.00.

WHAT IS CESP?

- CESP is a national credential for <u>staff</u> who assists people with disabilities with their employment needs.
- The CESP credential is earned by passing a comprehensive examination based on national standardized competencies, developed via a rigorous process in compliance with the guidelines of the National Commission for Certifying Agencies.
- CESP is intended as a compliment to program certification and licensing.
- The CESP is a national, portable <u>individual</u> credential.

BENEFITS OF CESP CERTIFICATION

- **Staff** will have a nationally recognized credential that certifies their competency in the full array of skills areas necessary to assist individuals to succeed in employment.
- Service providers will have confidence that staff have the necessary skills to perform high quality work.
- **Individuals with disabilities** will have confidence that staff persons providing assistance are knowledgeable, highly skilled, and competent.
- **CESP** provides assurances to business, individuals, and funding agencies, about the consistent and high quality of program staff, and commitment to best practice.

For employment support professionals: CESP certification shows colleagues, supervisors and individuals with disabilities that you completed a rigorous process to earn your national professional credential. CESP certification opens the door to:

- Improved professional advancement & job opportunities
- Increased income opportunities
- Enhanced credibility with employers

To register visit:

http://www.apse.org/certified-employment-support-professional/exam-opportunities:

Complete and submit the application and registration fee to:
APSE/CESP Exam, 416 Hungerford Drive, Suite 418
Rockville, MD 20850
301-279-0075 Fax

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